

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Timothy Chen, et al.

For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
A UNIDIRECTIONAL SWITCHING,
CURRENT LIMITED CUTOFF CIRCUIT
FOR AN ELECTRONIC BALLAST

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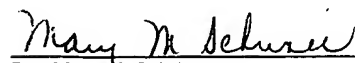
Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the claims in the present application. However, applicants must respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance. In particular, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR 104(e)(2001)).

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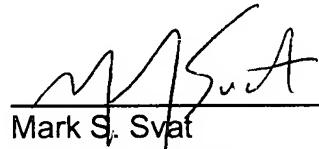
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Applicants believe that the claims are allowable because of the failure of the prior art to teach or suggest the combination of limitations as noted by the examiner, but applicants do not acquiesce that selective limitations need to be identified, and that patentability should not be limited to each feature exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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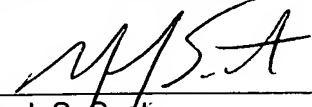
Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 17, 2005,, and further to the Notice regarding Drawings mailed May 09, 2005, applicants submit herewith five (5) sheets of formal drawings, FIGURES 1, 2, 3A, 3B, and 4-5, marked "Replacement Sheets" in the upper margin. Although no fees are believed to be required, applicants authorize and request any I fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308. An early indication of acceptability of the Formal Drawings is earnestly solicited.

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